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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTL PROJECT VI-2.1

(EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS ON MARINE ORGANISMS - 02.0621):

SOVIETS BACK OFF PUERTO RICO AS LOCATION FOR MARCH SYM-  
POSIUM

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TELECONS OF FEB. 18, 25, AND MARCH 1; (C) MOSCOW 2722;

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1. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REF (E), BROWN RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY

13 FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM KAZAKOV: "OUR LETTERS DATED NINTH DECEMBER 1975 AND THIRTEENTH JANUARY 1976 SENT TO DR. SCHNEIDER THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW CONTAIN SOVIET PROPOSALS CONCERNING SYMPOSIUM AND LIST OF DELEGATES. PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH DR. SIMONOV AFTER HIS RETURN FROM BUSINESS TRIP. AS STATED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED LETTERS THE 16-28 MARCH DATES OF SYMPOSIUM ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR SOVIET SIDE. WE STILL SUGGEST NEW ORLEANS TO BE THE PLACE FOR THE SYMPOSIUM AS IT IS THE MOST CONVENIENT FOR SOVIET SIDE. PLEASE INFORM US YOUR DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, PUERTO RICO WAS AGREED UPON IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BURDIN/MAKSIMOV AND US SIDE DURING JULY-AUGUST CRUISE AND PORT CALLS OF MOSKOVSKIY UNIVERSITET AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN OCTOBER 31 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM REVIEWED IN DRAFT BY FEDOSEYEV OF MFA USA SECTION, NOVOZHILOV OF HYDROMET AND BY SOVIET EMBASSY. WE ALSO NOTE THAT AS LATE AS DECEMBER 1975 SOVIET DELEGATES ATTENDED CONFERENCE IN PUERTO RICO UNDER AUSPICES OF WORLD OCEAN STUDIES AGREEMENT. IT APPEARS THAT SOVIETS HAVE MADE POLITICAL DECISION TO AVOID PUERTO RICO, PROBABLY TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS WITH CUBAN RESOLUTION DUE TO COME UP BEFORE "COMMITTEE OF 24". WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, ACCEDE TO SOVIET REQUESTS AND MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE CANCELLED.

3. FROM KAZAKOV'S REPORTED REMARKS (REF E) WE GATHER THAT (A) HYDROMET IS EMBARRASSED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT AND (B) THAT SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO PREVENT IT FROM IMPEDING FURTHER PROGRESS UNDER THE PROJECT AND FROM REFLECTING ADVERSELY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. WE THEREFORE REQUEST EMBASSY PASS ASAP FOLLOWING DATED MARCH 4 TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET:

4. "DEAR YURI: ON FEBRUARY 13 I RECEIVED YOUR COMMERCIAL CABLE STATING THAT THE SOVIET SIDE AGREES TO THE DATES MARCH 16-28 FOR THE SYMPOSIUM ON BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF MARINE POLLUTION (PROJECT VI-2.1) BUT SUGGESTS NEW ORLEANS RATHER THAN PUERTO RICO AS MOST CONVENIENT. YOUR CABLE REFERRED TO A LETTER OF JANUARY 13, WHICH I RECEIVED ONLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ON FEBRUARY 25 AND WHICH MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE LOCATION OF THE SYMPOSIUM.

5. PUERTO RICO AS THE LOCATION OF THE SYMPOSIUM WAS ORIGINALLY AGREED UPON LAST JULY-AUGUST BY KONSTANTIN BURDIN AND V. N. MAKSIMOV, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US SIDE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU WILL RECALL THAT PUERTO RICO WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED AS THE LOCATION IN THE JOINT COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM OF OCTOBER 31, 1975, SIGNED BY DR. IZRAEL AND  
MR. TRAIN. WE REGRET THAT WE CANNOT AGREE TO A CHANGE OF  
LOCATION AND WE MUST THEREFORE CANCEL THE MEETING.

6. MR. TRAIN WILL DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH DR. IZRAEL AT  
THEIR NEXT MEETING. SINCERELY, WILLIAM A. BROWN." KISSINGER

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